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To an ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated 20th December, 1880 :—

For a Return showing the Names and Nationality of all the Government Land Guides in the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, the residence and former occupation of each such Guide at the time of the appointment, how long they had been residents in such last-named place. If any removed, or their services dispensed with, the date and cause of such removal. The salary or allowance paid to each ; a detailed statement of all costs and expenses connected with this Branch of the Public Service ; the particular locality assigned to each Guide for the discharge of his duties ; together with any Order in Council or instructions respecting the duties of such Guides

By Command,

JOHN O'CONNOR,

Secretary of State.

Department of the Secretary of State,

11th January, 1881.

RETURN of the Government Land Guides in the Province of Manitoba and North-West Territories.

Name.	Nationality.	Former Residence.	Occupation.	How long Resident in Last-named Place.	Salary per month.	Survey Allowance per day.	Salary and Allowance per day.	Total Amount paid.	Locality.
Hayter Reid, Chief.....	Canadian ..	N.-W. Territory.	Lawyer.....	Three years.....	\$ cts. 100 00	\$ cts. 2 00	\$ cts.	1,501 33	Winnipeg.
Thomas Steers.....	do	Ottawa.....	Clerk.....	Not known.....	75 00	2 00	.....	1,131 00	do
W. H. Disbrowe.....	English	Not known.	Not known.....	do	75 00	2 00	.....	870 50	do
Rev. L. A. Armstrong...	Canadian	Emerson.....	Clergyman	Five years .....	.....	.....	4 50	742 50	Emerson.
C. J. Whellams.....	English	Rapid City	Immigrant's Ag't ..	Two years .....	.....	.....	3 50	598 50	Little Saskatchewan.
Hugh C. Dennis	Canadian ..	Little Saskatchewan.	Homesteader	do .....	.....	.....	3 50	535 50	Souris and Turtle Mountain.
John Bangs	do	Matthewan.....	Fur trader and farmer.	Twenty years.....	.....	.....	3 50	490 00	Souris.
Michael Harris.....	do	Recently of C. P. R. Survey.	Civil Engineer ..	Not known .....	.....	.....	3 50	462 00	Turtle Mountain.
John Franklin Boyd.....	do	Not known	Not known.....	do .....	.....	.....	3 50	73 50	* Birtle, resigned 12th July, 1880.
E. Clementi Smith	do	Peterboro'	Clerk.....	do .....	.....	.....	3 50	368 50	Birtle, commenced 13th July, 1880.
D. C. Woodman	do	New Brunswick.	Yeoman.....	do	75 00	.....	.....	450 00	Emerson.
						Total.....	.....	7,243 33	

* Mr. Boyd gave no reasons for resigning.

NOTE.—It will be seen that the rates actually paid to guides are less than those authorized by the Order in Council. It was found that the services required could be obtained at the lesser rates.

J. S. DENNIS,
Deputy Minister of Interior.

Dominion Lands Office, Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, January, 1881.

DETAILED Statement of Expenses connected with the Land Guide Service.

1880.		\$	cts.
June	Wright & Harris, for tent per voucher	6	00
do	Thomas Steers, expenses horse-feed, tolls—account April, May and June	37	92
do	Printing account, April, May and June	30	00
do	Telegraph Company—April, May and June	3	90
do	W. H. Disbrowe, expenses account, June	9	55
do	Horse hire and incidental expenses, April, May and June	69	30
do	Horse hire, Roberts & Sinclair, April, May and June	184	00
do	Donaldson Bros., stationery	5	05
	Total, June	\$345	72
July	James Reid, as guide with horse	12	00
do	Express Company, charges on maps	6	13
do	Thomas Steers, expense account	9	90
do	Roberts & Sinclair, livery	180	50
do	D. C. Woodman, expense account	4	50
do	Montgomery Bros., blacksmiths	15	00
do	Telegraph Company	2	40
do	Benson, livery	15	00
do	Set single harness	25	00
	Total, July	\$270	43
August	W. H. Disbrowe, expenses July	12	30
do	Hayter Reid, expenses July	61	50
do	R. J. Smith, one harness	12	00
do	Thomas Steers, transport expenses	8	00
do	Telegraph Company	1	09
do	"Free Press" account	11	80
do	Livery account, Benson	20	00
do	do Roberts & Sinclair, per voucher	105	00
do	Thomas Steers, transport account	8	75
do	Printing account, "Times"	20	00
do	Hayter Reid, transport, &c.	42	50
do	One horse, W. Gifford	125	00
	Total, August	\$428	94
September	Thomas Steers, transport expenses	6	25
do	W. H. Disbrowe, do	13	60
do	D. Hope, tent makers	8	50
do	Thomas Steers, transport expenses	16	78
do	Roberts & Sinclair, livery	16	00
do	Hayter Reid, transport, &c.	35	00
do	Printing	9	00
	Total, September	\$105	13
October	W. H. Disbrowe, transport expenses	15	05
do	Thomas Steers, do	40	35
do	Hayter Reid, do	97	05
do	Blacksmith	23	40
do	Roberts & Sinclair, livery	13	00
do	W. H. Disbrowe, transport expenses	25	30
	Total, October	\$214	15
	Carried forward		

DETAILED Statement of Expenses connected with the Land Guide Service—*Concluded.*

1880.		\$	cts.
	Brought forward		
November ...	Hayter Reid, transport, &c.....	100	65
do ...	Thomas Steers, do	9	50
do ...	Blacksmith	10	60
do ...	D. Scott & Co., June account.	16	50
do ...	Postage account, &c	5	00
do ...	Livery, Roberts & Sinclair.....	32	00
	Total, November	\$174	25
	Total	1,665	31

Dominion Lands Office, Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, January, 1881.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Memorandum:

OTTAWA, April 13th, 1880.

The undersigned has the honor to report to Council as follows:—

That in connection with the large influx of intending settlers, immigrants and others, now going into Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and which is certain to take even larger proportions as the season progresses, a necessity has become apparent for facilitating the distribution and settlement of such people, and the undersigned respectfully suggests that the object in view may be most effectually attained through the services of persons appointed for the purpose, one or more of whom would receive and advise with settlers on their arrival in the Province, and through others of whom they would be guided to, and assisted in making a choice of lands for settlement.

The following scheme is accordingly submitted for the consideration of Council:—

1. The appointment for the season of an agent of this Department, whose duty it will be to co-operate with Mr. Hespeler, the agent of the Department of Agriculture and Immigration at Winnipeg, in receiving and advising intending settlers; the further duty of such agent to be to facilitate in every way possible (short of furnishing free transport and subsistence) the sending forward of individuals and of parties to the local offices for the Land District within which they may severally propose to take up lands.

In regard to the forwarding and distribution of settlers, the agent may do good service from time to time during the season, when not required at Winnipeg, by accompanying parties or communities of intending settlers westward on the steamers expected to ply on the Assiniboine River, directing and advising them in landing at points which may be nearest to their distribution.

It should be his duty also to keep the agents of the several local land offices advised, as frequently as the postal or other opportunities will permit, of the arrival

and sending forward of settlers destined for the district represented by such local office, in order that land guides (hereinafter referred to) may be in readiness to meet them on disembarking from the steamers, or otherwise, as the case may be.

Much will be expected from this agent, and he should receive a fair salary, especially as the engagement should not extend beyond the end of the month of October next, or of November at furthest.

His pay should be at the rate, say, of one hundred dollars per month. He should also have a living allowance, say, of \$2.00 per diem, together with his actual disbursements for moving while absent from Winnipeg on the duties of his office.

The pay and allowances of this officer may be estimated as follows, viz. :—

7 months' pay at \$100.....	700 00
Travelling living expenses say for 3 months of above period, say.....	400 00

Total\$1,100 00

It is assumed that office accommodation could be found for him either in the Dominion Lands or Immigration office at Winnipeg.

2. The appointment of, say, two persons in each of the districts as follows:—

Nelsonville,
Turtle Mountain,
Gladstone,
Little Saskatchewan,
Birtle;

also of one at Emerson, at which most of the people intending to go to Turtle Mountain leave the railway, and of one who should be immediately under the agent at Winnipeg, such persons to be styled "Land Guides," and excepting in the case of those respectively at Emerson and Winnipeg, to be charged under the direction of the Local Land Agent for the District, with the duty of receiving individuals and parties arriving in the District, desiring to obtain land on which to settle, and to direct, advise and aid them in choosing eligible locations, and in having the same entered at the Land Office.

The person appointed in this capacity at Emerson—and the name of Mr. L. O. Armstrong is suggested for the office—should devote his attention to those settlers diverging from the railway at that point, and who may wish to settle in the southern and western part of the Province of Manitoba. These land guides, except at Emerson and Winnipeg, should be entirely subject to the control of the Local Agent, who should endeavor, as far as possible (so to utilize them as to serve the greatest number of people), and leave no ground for complaint, that particular individuals or parties had been allowed the undue proportion of their services.

It should be distinctly understood—and the local agent, as regards the guides under his immediate control, should be held responsible for any departure from the principle—that the services of land guides should only be available to actual settlers either on homestead or on Railway Lands, but not to persons simply wishing to select and purchase Railway Lands.

3. These guides should possess special qualifications in the way of a previous knowledge of the District within which they may be appointed. They should also understand thoroughly the system of the survey of the lands, and the mode of marking by posts and mounds the boundaries of sections, also to tell with precise accuracy the number of a Section and the Township within which the same is situate, also the exact corner of such section by reading the letters and figures enscribed on the post. This is very essential in order to prevent, as far as possible, conflicting claims for entry of the same land, arising out of a misapprehension of the proper number and portion of a Section.

The appointment of these "Land Guides" should, as a rule, be made from active intelligent persons holding homesteads in the land District. They would in all probability require to be almost constantly "on the go," and would therefore have to

carry their "base of supply" in the way of living and transport with them—that is they will each require to carry with them a small camp outfit and provisions for the trip, also the means of moving by, say, a horse and buckboard.

A fair *per diem* allowance for guides would be as follows:—

Wages	\$ 1 50
Living	1 00
Conveyance and subsistence of horse	2 00

Total.....\$ 4 50

4. Should the system be approved of, the guides would cost as follows:—

Pay and allowances of one, say 6 months at \$4.50 per day.....\$ 828 00

Then $\$828 \times 12 =$\$ 9,936 00

Add salary and expenses of agent.. 1,100 00

Total.....\$11,036 00

In the event of the above scheme being approved of, the expense involved not having been anticipated in the Estimates now before the House of Commons, the amount would require to be provided by a supplemental note.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN A. MACDONALD,
Minister of the Interior.

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 14th April, 1880.

On a Memorandum dated 13th April, 1880, from the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, recommending the appointment of one Agent and twelve Land Guides for six months to facilitate settlement of persons in the Province of Manitoba and the North-West during the present season.

The Committee advise that said Memorandum be approved and carried into effect.

Certified,

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.

J. O. COTÉ, *Clerk, P. C.*

